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Bob Odom, Commissioner



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Meeting the challenges of Agriculture and Forestry with Commissioner Bob Odom

Three cases of West Nile virus have been confirmed in Louisiana horses this year leading Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom to once again remind horse owners about the importance of vaccinating for the disease.

"I believe every horse owner should vaccinate their animal for West Nile just like they would for Eastern Equine encephalitis and other transmittable diseases," Odom said. "Many people think since the disease isn't always fatal that their horse will contract it and get well, but our recommendation is to spare the horse any potential for illness by vaccinating."

West Nile virus was first diagnosed in Louisiana horses last year when nine cases were confirmed in equine animals. In addition to the

three confirmed cases this year, one sample is pending at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, and several suspect cases are being looked into by local veterinarians.

"West Nile has now established itself in the state and it's not going to go away. It is important for equine owners to be diligent in vaccinating for this and other forms of encephalitis during their annual health routine," Odom said. "It's the only way we can control the spread."

West Nile vaccine is available for purchase through veterinarians only. If a horse has never received the vaccine, it should be given a full dose followed in three to four weeks by another full dose.

"Once the horse has built up its immunity after these initial injections, an injection every six months in areas where the disease is endemic and every 12 months in non-endemic areas will suffice," State Veterinarian Dr. Maxwell Lea said, noting that West Nile is endemic, or present, in all of Louisiana.

West Nile virus is fatal in about 30 percent of the horses that contract it, whereas Eastern Equine encephalitis has a mortality rate of 90 percent. The disease causes encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, in both horses and humans, but cannot be transmitted directly from horses or humans to other horses and humans. The virus is transmitted by mosquitoes in two ways, either from bird to bird or from bird to mammal.

Symptoms of West Nile virus in horses include lethargy, increase in temperature, head pressing and finally, the inability to stand or walk.

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry is working with local veterinarians, horse owner groups and health officials to monitor the spread of the disease.

New signs promote La. watermelons

Bite into a piece of Louisiana watermelon and there is no doubt why producers say it's "sweet n' juicy."

That's the message the Department of Agriculture and Forestry is sending to consumers this summer during the peak of Louisiana's watermelon season, late June through early August.

"We've printed 60,000 point of sale signs for retailers to display advertising Louisiana watermelons. They are definitely sweet and juicy, and they're 'miles fresher' than watermelons brought in from other states," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said, referring to the catch phrase for the industry – miles fresher.

The promotion effort is being funded by a \$20,000 block grant the state's commercial watermelon industry received last year from the federal government.

A portion of the money will also be used for radio advertising and promotion through Louisiana Network.

"It's important that we promote our home-grown fruits and veg-

etables, and in turn boost the state's economy," Odom added. "Most people, when given the choice, will select fresh produce that's grown close to home."

"It's one of those things that stays with you as you grow up in Louisiana. Everyone remembers attending 4th of July picnics or



family reunions and biting into a piece of fresh watermelon. The sweet, sticky juice runs down your cheeks and chin and it's great. We're just trying to help remind people of those memories and how good Louisiana watermelons taste."

The promotional signs are 12 inches by 12 inches and feature a watercolor design of a watermelon

resting on a pale yellow background. They will be distributed through County Agent offices in every parish and the department's marketing office in Baton Rouge.

"This is the heart of watermelon season in Louisiana so it's the prime opportunity for retailers and producers to advertise and promote their fresh Louisiana melons," Odom noted.

Figures from the LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Summary 2001 show commercial watermelons as close to a \$5 million industry in the state. About 270 producers grew 4,000 acres of watermelons last year.

The three parishes growing the most watermelons are Beauregard, Bienville and Washington, where producers have developed their own point of sale signs for Washington Parish watermelons. This is the first summer the Washington Parish signs will be available to retailers as well.

Odom said those interested in displaying a "Buy Louisiana Watermelons" sign should contact their County Agent or the department at 225-922-1280.

Staggered planting of cotton could be good

Weather forced staggered planting of the 2002 Louisiana cotton crop, but that situation could prove to be a positive one for farmers.

That was the message given during the LSU AgCenter's Crop Production and Pest Management Field Day Thursday (June 13) at the AgCenter's Northeast Research Station in St. Joseph.

Dr. Sandy Stewart, a researcher at the LSU AgCenter's Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria, said this year's planting season has been "so extreme" that there basically are three cotton crops planted around the state.

"Weather has played a major role in (staggering) the planting dates," Stewart said. "First it was too wet. Then, it was too dry. We also had some cold and windy weather that affected cotton planting."

Stewart said some late-planted cotton was put in the ground in late May to early June. So that probably will make for a long harvest season, he said.

"Because the crop is so spread out, this means farmers will have more opportunities for timely

scheduling of defoliation and harvest," Stewart said. "But this is also going to take high-level management to juggle all that."

David Caldwell, an LSU AgCenter researcher at the Red River Station in Bossier City, agreed on the potential positive aspects in this year's planting season and the need for good management while he pointed out that spreading out the maturity dates of the cotton crop also spreads out risks associated with the crop.

In addition to the staggered planting dates, this year's cotton crop also will see about a 35 percent reduction in acreage, Stewart said, basing his comments on estimates that 585,000 acres of cotton have been planted. This reduction comes because of low prices and uncertainty about the federal farm bill that was just passed a few weeks ago, he said.

"Cotton is not as attractive as it has been in the past because the prices are extremely low," Stewart said. "And the Farm Bill made it worse. People didn't know what was going to happen, and many

opted not to plant cotton."

Stewart said most of the unplanted cotton acreage went to corn and/or grain sorghum.

Dr. Steven Moore, another researcher at the LSU AgCenter's Dean Lee Research Station, gave field day participants a little advice on planting corn.

According to information given out by Moore at the field day, corn in Louisiana should be planted as close as possible to the average date of the last spring freeze to get top yields. In South Louisiana, that means planting from Feb. 25 to March 20. In North Louisiana, corn should be planted from March 10 until April 1. In most years, April 15 is the last date to plant corn for maximum yield potential, he said.

Moore also warned of the possibility of aflatoxin emerging in the corn. Aflatoxin is caused by a fungus that cannot form until the corn starts forming kernels. It needs a combination of hot and dry weather to attack.

"Just watch the weather," he said. "If the temperature gets (cont'd on p.5)



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Angus bull, 02/99, Big Sky x LSU Rito, Performance Reg., Cert., \$2500. F. Calcote, Bunkie, (318) 346-6486 or (318) 201-0323.

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Reg. Limousin bull, 3/01, dbl. blk. & dbl. polled, extremely gentle, show quality, vacc. & de-wormed, \$1500. Brent Deshautelle, Marks-ville, 71351; (318) 253-6495.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 8 mos. to 3 yrs., Polled Mandate, Painted Tiger, Levi & Prime Time bloodlines, \$750-\$2200/1. David Domengeaux, Carencro, 70512; (337) 668-4666.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bull, 16 mos., Levi & Laster breeding, tan/wht., gentle, \$650. Scott Esthay, Lake Charles, 70605; (337) 643-8179 day (337) 297-8389 pager.

Charolais bulls, 17 mos. & older, \$1500-\$1800/1. Ron Fuqua, Effie, 71331; (318) 253-4682.

Main Anjou bull, black w/white legs, 16 mos., semen tested, ready for hvy. service, \$1000. Laura Hughes, Zachary, 70791; (225) 658-5348.

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2 Beefmaster cows, one with 3 mos. Brangus Beefmaster heifer, \$1350/all 3; \$550/ea. for cows, \$250/heifer. John Murray, Lafayette, 70508; (337) 232-4127.

Gelbvieh bulls, 15 mos., \$1600/1-up. Robert Myers, Pelican, 71063; (318) 755-2866.

Reg. Santa Gertrudis bull, 2 yrs., Champ. Parish & Dist. positive semen, \$1200. Jerry Pfister, Bush, 70431; (985) 893-7457.

Polled, horned Hereford bulls, heifers, prs., Coastal raised for Coastal trade, \$500-\$1500/1. Glenna Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487 or (337) 457-9475.

Reg. Santa Gertrudis bulls, 15 - 18 mos. old, papers, \$750/1. Chester Davis, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-4758.

(2) Show quality reg. Guernseys, Perfecto bloodline, \$1500/1; bull calves, \$275/1. Timothy Duckless, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-8824.

Gray reg. Brahman bull, 4 yrs., sire: JJ Ring Didor 623/1, dam: JDH bred, very gentle, easy keeper, \$1000. Matthew Givs, Sunset, 70584; (337) 299-3453.

Reg. Charolais bulls, 20 mos., tested & ready for service, Big Sky breeding, Certified herd, \$1400/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7939.

3 gentle Braford heifers, coming 2 yrs. old, super calm, 1 hvy. bred, others calving later, \$2150.; 21 mo. bull, \$1300. Stefanie Duhon, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-2726.

Reg. Angus heifers, 16-24 mos., Hoff bred, \$1000/1; Reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., \$1600; Reg. Angus herd bull, 5 yrs., \$1600. W. Maurin, Hammond, 70403; (985) 345-3726.

Charolais bulls, \$1500 - \$2000/1. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 948-6511 or (337) 948-3926.

Bull calves, 250 lbs., \$200/1. Norman Stretton, Dry Creek, 70637; (337) 328-7600.

Braford heifers, wormed, shots, \$700-\$775/1. J. Boudreaux, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Charolais bulls, \$1000/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland, 70394; (985) 537-6954.

Reg. Brangus bulls, gentle, 25-27 mos., \$1100/1; reg. Brangus Jr. bulls, 16-18 mos., \$800-\$950/1; Brangus heifers, \$375 - \$450/1. S. Clattenburg, Montpelier, 70774; (225) 777-4909.

Reg. Charolais bulls, all shots, fert. tested, \$1500 - \$1800/1; Hallelujah bloodline, open heifers, \$700/1. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 662-3270.

Reg. Simmental & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$650/1-up. B. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, Warrior, Feather breeding, 7 yrs., red, no bad habits, gentle, \$1700. Stanford Domingue, Duson, 70529; (337) 873-8717.

10 Blk. Brangus heifers, super gentle, 800 lbs. avg., exposed to Angus & Braford, all shots & dewormed, \$8000/all. Larry Duhon, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-2726.

Reg. Charolais, heifers, 8-9 mos., \$650/1-up; reg. yrlg. bulls, \$850/1-up; 2 yr. reg. Charolais bulls, \$1200/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush, 70431; (985) 886-5557.

Piedmontese & Limousin bulls, great EPD's, hvy. muscle, docile, \$1000/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 364-4241.

Reg. Blk. Angus, bulls & Heifers, \$500/1-up. Bud Gautreaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-2043 or (337) 334-2043 after 5 p.m.

BBU reg. Beefmaster bulls, Classic Cotton bloodline, clean underline, good conf., ready for service, \$850/1. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 654-8816.

Polled reg. Charolais herd bull, 4 yrs., 100% production every yr.,

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very gentle, no bad habits, \$3000. Ron Harvey, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 261-9540.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, Champion bloodlines, Gain Test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. old bulls, \$1500. Fred Elsing, Alexandria, 71306; (318) 442-0741.

18 Brangus, 2 Brangus-Baldies, good quality, 675 lb. avg. wt., shots, wormed, ear tagged, exposed to Brangus bull, \$526/1. J. Rowland, Columbia, 71418; (318) 649-7340.

Reg. Blk. Angus, 3 yrs., Emulation Ext. herd bull, \$1500/1; 7 Reg. Blk. Angus bulls, 18-24 mos., \$1000/1. Ernest Webb, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2685.

Young PB Charolais bull, 8/01, excel. breeding, gentle, \$800. Tom Burns, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-9455.

Reg. Gray Braham bull, 5 yrs., gentle, big, well bred, several Grand & Reserve Champions, \$2500. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6763.

Simbrah 4-H Show heifers, top quality, \$600/1-up. Keith Guillory, Crowley, 70526; (337) 363-7101.

Heifer & Steer beef yearlings, quality crossbred, 600 lbs., gentle, vacc., wormed, \$525, delivery available. Cliff Johnson, Heflin, 71039; (318) 894-4367.

Braunvieh bulls, LSU Forage tested, 8 mos. - 3 yrs., Golden Link bloodlines, \$750 - \$1500/1. Richard LaMotte, Welsh, 70591; (337) 734-3676.

Reg. Horned Hereford bull, 2 yrs. old, working, \$900. Greg Lowe, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 383-6261.

Reg. Charolais cows, 2½ yrs., with heifer calves, \$1450/pr. Linda Melancon, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 662-3270.

20 Crossbred Brahman heifers, blks. & blk. baldies, bred to Reg. Angus bulls, 26-28 mos., some with calves, \$750/1. Richard Reed, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-2330.

Reg. Polled Hereford bull, calved 9/01, sire: Felton Ice, dam: TRM 334, 4031 Salty, gentle, sound muscles & skeleton, \$4000. Joe Tantillo, Albany, 70711; (985) 419-0960.

Beefmaster Angus cross bulls, breeding age, solid red, \$500 - \$600/1. Roy LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Maine Anjou bull, 16 mos., sement tested, ready for heavy service, blk. with white legs, \$1000. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge, 70816; (225) 752-0309.

5 Reg. Blk. Angus cow/calf prs., \$1200/pair. Ann Webb, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2685.

Reg. Charolais bulls, \$1000/1-up. Milo Jimenez, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 501-5181 or (337) 948-9496.

'01 Simbrah bull, red, sire: '01 Brahman Show Bull of the Year, dam: Single Nick Doubletime, \$1150. George Krieg, Youngsville, 70592; (337) 856-5002 or (337) 277-9455.

Pb Charolais bull, 10 mos., \$800/1; 11 pb cow & full grown heifers, 3 calves, 1 bull, 30 mos., \$7750/all. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-2079.

Reg. Polled Simbrah & Simmental bulls & prs., all shots, gentle, \$550 - \$1175/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-0505.

Hereford x Angus cow, 6 yrs., Red Polled Cross cow, 6 yrs. & 2 year old Beefmaster heifer, all bred, \$600/1. Miles McNeely, Hornbeck, 71439; (318) 565-4060.

Reg. Grey Brahman bull, Jeffcoat breeding, 3/00, 650 lbs. weaning weight, 1200 yrlg. weight, \$1500. Gus Miller, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1076.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 2½ yrs., gentle, semen tested, Rangers Pride, \$1800; 1 yr., red, \$650. Mitch Romero, Maurice, 70555; (337) 898-4007 or (337) 898-2530 after 5:00 p.m.

2 Reg. Blk. Simm. bulls, weaned, Blk. Simm. heifer, 16 mos., fb Red heifer, 16 mos., all shots, gentle, \$650/1-up. Charles Macip, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 942-9123.

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'93 APHA Sorrel Tobiano geld., green broke, excel. disp., \$1000. Jean Causey, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

'83 AQHA sorrel mare, Wee Cash, Miss Blondy's Dude & Three Bars breeding, rides & open for breeding, \$2000. Teresa Bartlett, Carencro, 70520; (337) 886-0250.

Paint mare, 3 yrs., blk., wht. & brown with bay colt at side, born 4/02, \$1000/pr. Julius Caraway, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4269.

'94 Reg. Paso Fino gray mare, 13.2 hands, good trail horse, pretty head & neck, \$5500. John Slocum, Cut Off, 70346; (985) 632-4968.

AQHA sorrel mare, 3 yrs., microchipped, Special Effort on papers, \$1000. G. Ducote, Simmsport, 71369; (318) 941-2748.

Pregnant 2 yr. old Jenny, with Jenny foal, sell separately or together, gentle stud Jack & others, \$250/1. Ted Dugas, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 229-4285.

Reg. QH filly, 2 yrs., granddaughter Zan Parr Bar, good head & feet, well muscled, broke to ride, \$3000. William Hetzel, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-4914.

'95 Gelding, 15.2 hands, good conf., calm disp., used for woods riding, \$1000. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182.

Bald Faced Gaited mare, 3 yrs., exceptionally gentle, with 2 mos. stud at side, 4 stockings, \$1250. Johnny Leto, Tickfaw, 70466; (985) 542-2940 after 5 p.m.

AQHA Lineback red dun mare, 2 yrs., prof. ridden 120 days, Peppy & Doc bloodlines, \$3500. Jesse Luquette, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 234-9411 or (337) 237-2830.

Bay Gelding, 2 yrs., broke to ride, fast, potential barrel horse, \$1500. Brittney Savoie, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-7723.

Appaloosa stallion, 1 yr., halter broke, gentle, Champ. bloodlines, full spot leopard, white with brown spots, \$5000. Edward Tarpley, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-3337.

'00 AQHA sorrel filly, working bloodline, Barrel/Roping prospect & AQHA bay geld., working cattle, \$1800/ea. Paul West, Pineville, 71360; (318) 487-2060.

APHA Homozygous mares exposed to Homozygous stallion, \$2500/1-up. Joseph Thomassie, Gonzales, 70776; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

'90 AQHA Bay geld., Kinda Impressive, English & Western Pleasure, 4-H, AQHA, Dixie Nationals, \$5800. T. Adams, Goldonna, 71031; (318) 727-8422 or (318) 727-8520.

AQHA gray mare, Sonny Dee Bar, Palomino colt at side & AQHA chestnut mare, 3/N/1, chestnut colt at side, \$1500/1. Charles Casanova, Holden, 70744; (225) 294-2585.

3 AQHA mares with foals from Son of Ima Cool Skip, bred back to same, \$2500/pr.-up. Ken Cornelius, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-5297.

'92 AQHA mare, sorrel with wht. blaze & stockings, very gentle, easy breeder, \$1500. Rick Parsons, Maurice, 70555; (337) 981-6226.

Reg. Leopard Appaloosa mare, 5 yrs. old, 15.2 hands, Plaudit, Impressive bloodlines, very gentle, \$2500. Jackie Hernandez, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6958.

'01 Reg. ½ Arabian Pinto fillies, Tovero with blue eyes & Tobino grey, '00 Arabian Bay filly, loves to run, \$1800/1. E. O'Quinn, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4948.

APHA Overo mare, 5 yrs., sire: It's Color Time, with Paint filly, \$3500; APHA Loud Overo, sire: It's Color Time, \$3000. Shelby Savoie, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-7723.

Sorrel mare, 10 yrs., blaze, flaxen mane & tail, trail rides, \$800; halter broken filly, 2 yrs., \$400. Anna Ortego, Turkey Creek, 70585; (337) 461-2381 or (318) 613-0252.

'01 AQHA colt, sorrel with wht. blaze & 4 white stockings, halter broke, leading, gentle, sire & dam on premises, \$1200. Debbie Par-

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sons, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0611.

'97 APHA bay geld, excel. performance or pleasure prospect, Rugged Lark, Bold Ruler, Dash for Cash, Jet Deck, \$2500. Carol Sikes, Jonesville, 71343; (318) 992-4657.

Bay QH stallion, 5 yrs., great riding, starting on roping & tracking, very gentle, kids can ride, \$1300. Michael Auzenne, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-7330.

Reg. Peruvian Pasos, Golden Palomino mare, 10 yrs., \$5000; sorrel gelding, 6 yrs., \$5000; grey mare, 4 yrs., \$4000. Wayne Bell, Delcambre, 70528; (337) 685-5183.

'02 AQHA sorrel colt, Peppy San Badger, Play Boy Ruby, War Leo's Lady, dbl. bred Freckles Playboy on papers, \$3500. Ted Briley, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-5590.

'01 APHA sorrel breeding stock stud, Wisecamp mare by Barlink Tuff Times, APHA Champion producer, \$2500. Anita Craig, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3839.

Reg. Paint filly, 3 yrs., Doc's Prescription bred, ropes, pulls, \$3500; 2 yr. old gelding, solid sorrel, saddle broke, \$1200. Sam Duplechin, Eunice, 70535; (337) 432-5347.

Reg. pb Arabian stallion, 5 yrs., wht., 15 hands, Egyptian Spanish cross, Western prospect, proven bloodstock, \$10,000. Jeff Dupré, Washington, 70589; (337) 585-2642.

Bay gelding, 6 yrs., 14 hands, very gentle, youth or adult rider, all around prospect, \$850. Roddy Karl, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-6347.

AQHA mare, own daughter of Scotch Bar Times, \$3500; TB geld., good rider, \$1000. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 519-3420 or (337) 893-7182.

APHA sorrel grandson of Peppy San Badger out of Champ. halter & performance mare, \$1000. J. Morvant Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-0708.

'01 AQHA geldings, Zan Diamond Joker by Hot Express, grandson of Haidas Little Pep, excel. conf., \$1000/1-up. R. Ortego, Ville Platte, 70586; (318) 838-2250.

'97 Reg. Chestnut Arabian geld., 4 wht. stockings & blaze, 1 yr. prof. Western pleasure training, \$2000. Gwen Smith, Lafayette, 70508; (337) 257-4686.

'02 AQHA Buckskin stud colt, very muscular, good hip & head, Peppy San Badger breeding, great prospect, \$1500. Wayne Soileau, Reddell, 70580; (337) 468-3516.

AQHA steel gray mare, 2 yrs., dbl. bred Poco Bueno, very gentle, \$1500. Sindee Casanova, Holden, 70744; (225) 294-2585.

Paint colt, 1 yr. old, \$350. Scotty Aulds, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-2949.

AQHA Palomino colt yrlg., King P-234 bloodlines, \$3750; APHA 2 yrs., good trail horse, \$2000. Barrett Lyons, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-2348.

'01 APHA geld., loud blk. & wht., Champion bloodlines, loads, clips, trims, gentle, great potential, \$1800. Jeff McClelland, Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-4805.

Reg. TW, blk. 4 yr. old geld., excel. gait, calm, \$2000. L. Spears, Dry Creek, 70637; (337) 328-7365.

'93 Barrel & Pole gelding., professionally trained, Arabian bay, super athletic, \$2500. Lisa Topham, Patterson, 70392; (985) 399-6879.

'83 AQHA dun mare with 5 mos. old weaned, reg. colt, has all shots, wormed, Puddenhead bloodline, \$2000. Karla Smith, Lafayette, 70508; (337) 257-4786.

'00 AQHA mare, Conclusive & Puddenhead breeding, 4-H Halter Champion, \$2500. K. Ortego, Ville Platte, 70586; (318) 838-2250.

AQHA/APHA weanling colts, Colonel Freckles, Little Peppy, Puddenhead bloodlines, \$1200/1-up. Daniel Lyons, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6751.

APHA breeder stock, 3 yr. old mare, solid black, sire: Texas Black Gold by Mardelle Dixon, trained for barrel racing, \$3500. Bonnie Savoie, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-7723.

Wanted: Gentle horse for inexperienced 10 yr. old. Gerald Landry, Jeanerette, 70544; (337) 276-6253.

Wanted: Well trained Welsh for 4-H girl. Cheryl Diaz, Galliano, 70354; (985) 475-7272.

Wanted: Jenny, within 50 miles of DeQuincy. Philip Istre, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 528-6242.

STALLION SERVICE

Poco Bueno, 25%, 5 yrs., dun, 1150 lbs., currently Heading, great disp., \$400/\$6 day mare care. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

APHA Homozygous blk. & white stallion, Skip-N-King, guaranteed Paint, reg. mares, \$350; grade mares, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch, 70516; (337) 684-3028.

Smart Zan Lena, 3 yrs. own son of Smart Little Lena out of Sparkle Suzanna, AQHA World Champ., 3 times, \$750/\$6. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

Homozygous APHA blk. & wht. stallion, '98 MS. Grand Champion, guaranteed Paint, \$250/\$5 day mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70776; (225) 644-5381 or 644-4238.

Homozygous blk./wht. stallion with blk. gene, outstanding disp. & conf., Champ. bloodline, \$600/\$5-\$7 mare care. Greg Clark, Winnfield, 71483; (318) 628-1934.

Reg. Gray TW stallion, grandson of Iron Works & Ebony Masterpiece, 16 hands, great disp., \$300/\$5 day mare care. Coby Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Rare Lippitt Morgan stallion, producer of quiet temperaments, \$500 pb mares; \$350/other mares. Anna Hill-Baudoin, Denham Springs, 70706; (225) 665-2186.

Reg. Am. Saddle bred stallion, blk./wht. Tobiano Pinto, Champ. Wing Commander bred, \$400/\$5 day mare care. D. Malone, Quitman, 71268; (318) 259-3836.

Cremello APHA QH, sires Buckskin & Palominos from colored mares, Dash for Cash, Doc O'Lena, \$400/\$4 day mare care. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, 70591; (337) 753-2590.

AQHA Palomino, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Bar Pass Myers, King P-234 bred, \$350/\$3 day mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

MARKET BULLETIN

APHA Palomino Homozygous Tobiano, Silky McTavish, Sure B Uno, Vaughan's Cadillac, \$400/\$4 day mare care. E. O'Quin, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4948.

AQHA Palomino stud, good conformation & disposition, \$250/\$150. Donald Romero, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4278.

Reg. Palomino & wht. TW stallion, sire homozygous, 15.1 hands, gentle, good conf. & disp., \$300/\$5 day mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. Blk. TW stallion by Star's All American & Shades of Carbon, 1200 lbs., good conf., \$200/\$5 day mare care. John Duplechin, Eunice, 70535; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. Tobiano QH bay & wht. stallion, Shonie T-Bar, Tinky Sugar Bar, out of 14 Tobianos, \$200/\$5 day mare care. Bill Montgomery, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Imported Lusitano stallion, rare, versatile, fast horse, \$1000/pb mares; \$350/other mares. Randall Baudoin, Denham Springs, 70706; (225) 665-2186.

Reg. Homozygous Tobiano, blk./wht. TW stallion, Pride's Deater & Tex Time, 17 hands, gentle, \$300/\$5 day mare care. Cody Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Black & white Appaloosa, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, \$200/\$3 day mare care. H. Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

Reg. Tobiano chestnut/wht. homozygous stallion, Battle Colors, guaranteed paint, \$300/\$5 day mare care. Patrice Montgomery, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

SWINE

Reg. Duroc boar, born 7/01, sire: N-Sync 69-6, dam: Ms. Wise Alex 1-3, \$200. Harold Green, Breauux Bridge, 70517; (337) 332-4195.

SHEEP & GOATS

Katahdin & Barbado sheep, \$25/1-up. Julius Caraway, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4269.

Reg. Sanan cross doe, \$150/1; Nubian cross doe, \$125/1; 2 Nubian cross kids, \$70/ea. Bowen Miller, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-3284.

Reg. 100% S.A. Boer, 1 yr. buck, Res. Grand Champ., LSU dbl. Bodacious Hoot grandson, \$500. Aaron Varnado, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-3459.

Boer, 4-H wethers, \$85/1-up. Beth Coco, Robert, 70455; (985) 345-1103 after 6 p.m.

African Pygmys, 3 mos., wether, \$30; 2 grown bred does, \$100/ea. Jackie Hernandez, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6958.

Reg. 100% Boer buck, born 3-29-01, \$200. Buford Landreneau, Washington, 70589; (337) 363-8095.

Pb Nubian does & doe kids, good quality, \$100-\$150/1; pb Nubian buck, \$150. Laura Monk, Covington, 70435; (985) 893-7573.

50% Boer bucks & does, 6 mos., \$50/ea. P. Callac, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-3531.

Boer nannies, bred to fb Boer, with papers, \$150/1-up; Boer bil-

lies, 100% & 94%, \$150/1-up. N. Deville, Plaquemine, 70764; (225) 659-7000.

3 Reg. Nubian bucks, 2-3 mos., old, dehorned, out of show stock, gentle, \$50/each. Beth Karl, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-6347.

Mixed breeds, 3-6 mos.old, \$35/each; mixed breed does, \$65/ea.; mixed bucks, \$100/ea. Malcolm Miller, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 826-3468.

7/8 Boers, 5 mos. male with papers, \$100; (2) 100% males with papers, \$250/1-up. A. Mumphrey, Eunice, 70535; (337) 550-0826.

Reg. 100% Boer billy, 18 mos., show quality, \$650. R. Robertson, Pineville, 71360; (318) 443-1211.

ADGA Reg. Nubians, 1st & 2nd freshers, \$250/ea.; bucklings & doelings, \$100/1-up; bucks, 2-3 yrs., \$200. Shirley Stack, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5186.

Katahdin rams, ewes & lambs, \$50-\$150/ea. or less if all taken. Sid Cormier, Ragley, 70657; (337) 725-3501.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts, before the ad can be published.

Blue & Red Heelers, different litters, 4/02 & 5/02, \$45/1. Tom Minter, Vinton, 70668; (337) 589-5755.

AKC Reg. Australian cattle dog, male, 2 yrs., Champion sired, prov. producer, \$150. Randall Baudoin, Denham Springs, 70706; (225) 665-2186.

Reg. Australian Shepherd puppies, born 4/02, red/wht. leopards, grey/blk. leopards or blk./wht., with shots, \$150/ea. Shirley Fox, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 364-4241.

Border Collie pups, 4/02, \$100/ea. Bobby Cook, Jackson, 70748; (225) 658-8907 or (225) 939-2780.

Pb Red & Blue Heeler puppies, off working stock, parents on premises, born 5/02, \$75/ea. Carol Sikes, Jonesville, 71343.

Reg. Border Collie, 2 yrs., 3rd place Futurity Winner, will work cattle, \$1500. Lucien Cooper, DeQuincy, 70633; (337) 786-7751.

Pb Great Pyreneese pups, born 2/02, shots & wormed, mother & pups raised with chickens, \$300/ea. C. Robert, Ama, 70031; (504) 431-9055.

Reg. Catahoulapups, born 5/02, off prov. working stock, cattle & hogs, blk./tan and gray leopards, shots, \$150/ea. Terry Fox, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 364-4241.

FARMLAND

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads **MUST** include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads **MUST** be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Lafayette Parish, 80 acreson Hwy. 726, pasture, hay, deep well, \$5000/acre. James Eggleston, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-4330.

Tangipahoa Parish, 19 acres, all pasture, \$2000/acre. Ruby Stokes, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-3020.

Tangipahoa Parish, 110 acres, 2 barns, house, fenced & cross fenced, rolling pastures, good

roads, \$2500/acre. Barbara Vidrine, Metairie, 70006; (504) 466-2799.

Beauregard Parish, 40 acres, hay fields, 2 barns, cross fenced, \$82,000; 40 acre farm, house, barn, tool shed, \$175,000. Roy Pesson, Longville, 70652; (337) 725-3150.

St. Landry Parish, 36.1 acres, farming, pasture, crawfish, home sites, \$2000/acre. Roger Young, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5013.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Advertisements will not be accepted from retail shops and/or their owners.

Female Ledbetter Cockatoo, \$5000; Moluccan Cockatoos, \$1800/pr.; Macaws, Gr. Wing, \$1000; Severe, \$800; Afr. Grey Parrot, \$800. Mike Baer, Baton Rouge, 70804; (225) 753-6111.

2 Breeder pr. Pied & Cinn. Pied Cockatiels, \$50/pr.; 3 WF Cockatiels, \$50/ea.; Albino Ringnecks, \$400/pr. Aaron Fuselier, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5667.

Ringneck doves, Normals & Whites, \$5-\$7.50/ea.; prov. mated prs., \$20-\$30/ea. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-5729.

Ind. Ringnecks, 2 breeders, 4 young unsexed birds, 2 stacking cages, nesting boxes & rolling metal cage, \$1000/all. Jan Ayo, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0988.

Ind. Ringneck Parakeets, Violet, Dk. green/blue, Turquoise, Lacewings, Greens, few mature, \$100-\$5000/ea. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Parakeets, \$8/1-up; breeder & hf Cockatiels, \$25/1-up; Zebra Finches, \$8/1; prov. Nanday Conures, \$250/pr. Clara Broussard, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-6745.

5' x 10' Walk-in aviary, treated wood, metal roof, on skids, \$500 or trade for breeders. Dana Cavalier, Pierre Part, 70339; (985) 252-6201.

Hf Cockatiels, lg., Lutos, Albinos, Cinn. Pieds, Pearls, Wht. Faces, lots of combinations, closed banded, \$35/1-up. S. Ivy, Morgan City, 70380; (985) 631-3498.

Double Yellowhead Amazons, proven pair have produced 6 babies in 3 yrs., \$1200/pr. Iris Fry, Schriever, 70395; (985) 395-7709.

Hf Sun Conure, very tame, 2/02, \$200; Indian Ringneck Green split, just out of nest, \$40; Pea chicks, \$15/1-up. Mike Henry, Morse, 70559; (337) 783-1590.

Doves, Ringnecks, \$5/1; Pieds, \$6/1; Tangerine, \$7/1; proven prs., \$20/1-up. J. Bernard, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8619.

Cockatiels, Lovebirds, \$20-\$70/each; doves, \$5/ea. Sandy Rider, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-9743.

Lovebird hens, Peach Faced Blues, \$35/1; '01 unsexed Peach Faced Yellows & Blue Pieds, \$35/1; Blues, \$25/1. Ellis Sisk, Baker, 70714; (225) 774-7414.

Proven Double Yellows, \$15/pr.; Lovebirds, \$15/1-up. Ronald Steib, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-4824.

POULTRY, GAME, FOWL & EGGS

Extra large Pharaoh quail, \$2/1; hatching eggs, \$20/100 plus ship-

ping & handling; lg. laying hens, \$8/1. Henry Duhe, Covington, 70435; (985) 892-0032.

Golden Sebrights, bantams & chicks, \$4-\$5/ea. S. Hodges, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-8920.

Muscovy ducks, \$7-\$8/1; as-sorted Greens, \$30/pr.; laying hens, \$5-\$7/1; turkeys, \$30/pr.; Guineas, \$7. Wilbur Leger, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-4949.

Large, Brown egg layers, born 2/02, healthy, \$4/ea. L. Tait, Covington, 70433; (985) 869-0768.

Baby Muscovy ducks, \$3/1. W. Vetsch, New Orleans, 70124; (504) 482-2662.

7 Silver Spangled Hamburg chickens, 4 hens, 3 roosters, \$42/all. Aaron Fuselier, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-5667.

Male Mallards, \$7/ea. Tina Darbonne, Pollock, 71467; (318) 765-9419.

Rare Sumatra roosters, young adults, long, blackish-green tail feathers, \$20/1; other mixed roosters, \$3/1-up. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, 70591; (337) 753-2590.

Australian Blk. swan, \$140; Peacock chicks, \$15/1; Mallards, \$7/1; turkeys, \$7/1; Rhode Isl. chicks, \$7/1. Cooper Allen, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-6068.

Super lg. Pharaoh & Manchurian Golden quail hatching eggs, \$25/100 plus shipping & handling; live birds, 75¢/1-up. G. Chauvin, Schriever, 70395; (985) 448-3360.

Peafowl chicks, Blue, Blacks, Shoulder Pied, Wht., \$15/1-up; Pheasant chicks, Red, Yellow Gold, Silver, \$7.50/1. D. Davis, Norwood, 70761; (225) 629-5546 or 774-1645.

'99 Hatch, India Blue peacock, growing plumage, \$50. J. Hopper, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-1474.

5 Kinds of Pb Bantam hatching eggs, \$5/doz. plus shipping & handling; Bantam chicks, 5 kinds, \$2/1-up. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock, 71467; (318) 765-9419.

Canadian goose, goslings, \$20-\$25/1; South Louisiana raised Snow geese, \$25-\$30/1. Bobby Guillory, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 599-2588.

Laying hens, roosters, assorted geese, Toullousas, Chinese White Embdens, \$30/pr.; White Pekings, \$8/ea. Wilbur Leger, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: Pb Mille Fleur trio, rooster with 2 hens and Pb Silkie trio, preferably White or Buff. Sherilyn Cormier, Ragley, 70657; (337) 725-3501.

Wanted: One dozen female Mallard ducks. Michael Baer, Baton Rouge, 70804; (225) 753-6111.

PIGEONS

Indian Fantails, pure white bloodline, \$10/ea. Doyle Davis, Norwood, 70761; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Crawfish boat, hyd., 20 hp Kohler mag., rear drive, front tires new, 16' x 14' Venable built, no top, \$5500. Dan Babineaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 873-4941.

Crawfish traps,used, 1000 pyra-

mid traps, \$2/ea. Kyle Fontenot, Mamou, 70554; (337) 599-2899.

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; Channel Catfish, 20¢/1; Blue Gill, 20¢/1; Chinquipin, 25¢/1; Bass, 50¢/1; Koi, 50¢/1-up. D. Lowe, Minden, 71055; (318) 377-1525.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Netherland Dwarfs, Jersey Woolys, Holland Lops, breeders, bunnies, all from show stock, \$10-\$35. J. Hernandez, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6938.

Mini Rexes, \$10/1. Charlie Belgard, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3531.

Dwarfs, Rexes, Mini Lops, New Zealands, \$15/1; cages, \$15/per hole with feeder. David Drerup, Alexandria, 71301; (318) 561-2269.

New Zealands, Californias, Pb crosses, \$6-\$10/1; San Juans, \$5/1. Edward McGuire, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 748-6433.

NZW breeding stock, does & bucks, 4 mos. to 1 yr., \$12/1-up; fryers, \$5/ea. Shirley Demeritt, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 491-2216.

San Juans, 3 wks. to 3½ mos., \$10-\$20/ea. Aubrey Savoy, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-0346.

Large mixed breeds, \$4/1-up or trade for Pb San Juans, Pb Cane Cutters, Pb Legoudees & Pb Missouri Swampers. Randy Taylor, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 754-5600.

Pendigreed/non-Ped. NZW & Mini Rexes, \$10/each. Dextel Terbonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693.

Pb Missouri Swampers, Cane Cutters, San Juans & crosses, excel. runners, \$6/1-up. Harmon Belgard, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3531.

Wanted: New Zealands, Californias, mixed breeds, 8 lbs. and over. John Rodi, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-0726.

Wanted: Cages, multiple compartments or singles, cheap. L. Gibbens, Livingston, 70754; (225) 698-1000.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Gourds, small, medium & large, will ship, \$2-\$5/ea. Anthony Yakaboski, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-0245.

Wax Myrtle, Live Oak, Jap. Plum, Yew, Fatsia, Magnolia, \$6/3-gal.; Palmetto, \$6/3-gal.; Cast Iron plants, \$10/3-gal. James Stelly, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4528.

Birdseye, Yel. Squash pepper, 4 o'clocks, Long handle gourds & Cucuzzas, Pincushions, \$1.50/pkt. with SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Persimmons, New Asian, non-astringent varieties, Fuyu Gaki, Seruga & Native Virginiana, wild, \$10/4 gal. Cynthia Becnel, Belle Chasse, 70037; (504) 656-3375.

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Mayhaw, lg. fruited, Mex. Plum, red Chickasaw, Crabapple, Native Black Cherry, \$5-\$25/ea. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Plumeria plants, 4' to 6' tall, blooming, \$20/1-up. R. Arnold, Baton Rouge, 70801; (225) 344-6567 work, or (225) 344-2244.

Celeste fig, \$5/1-up; Wht. & Yel. Peach, \$5/1-up; Red Bird of Paradise, \$5/1; Red Native Plum, \$5-\$12/1. Morris Collura, Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Sweet potato vines, enough for several acres, 12,000 plants = 1 acre, \$60/acre. John Joubert, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 948-9442.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Watermelons, \$2-\$3/ea. per truckload. Charles McDonald, Pitkin, 70656; (318) 358-5434.

FERTILIZER

50 Lb. feedsack of rabbit manure, \$3/each. Shane Bellue, Jackson, 70748; (225) 629-5545.

Wanted: Rabbit or chicken manure, 1 ton, within 50 miles of DeQuincy. Philip Istre, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 528-6242.

HAY & GRAIN

Bahia, 5' x 5' rd. bales, cured without rain, \$20/bale outside, \$25/bale in barn. Whitney Champagne, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 845-4125.

4' x 5' Rd. bales Bahia in barn, fert. to soil test, cured without rain, will load, \$25/ea. Danny Schleismann, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7663.

Alicia/Bahia rd. bales, 1500 lbs., deliv. avail., \$18/ea. Wayne Ward, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-3389 or (318) 471-9273.

'02 Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, fert. to soil test, \$3/bale in barn, \$2.75/bale in field. Harry Carner, Leesville, 71446; (337) 239-7492.

'01 Rd. bales, will load if you haul, 10 mixed grass, 5 Bahia, \$150/all. Claude Daniel, Baton Rouge, 70810; (225) 763-6296.

Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, top quality, \$4/in barn. G. Provost, Denham Springs, 70706; (225) 664-3060.

'01 Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.50/bale in barn, \$4-\$4.50/bale delivered but not unloaded. Don Bernard, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 989-9675.

Wheat straw, \$2/ea.; qty. discounts avail., round bales, 5' x 5', loaded, \$18-\$25/ea.; Alicia, 1st cut, \$2/ea. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or 363-3523.

Wheat straw, clean, lg. tight sq. bales, tied with nylon twine, \$2/ea. Tim Johnson, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-0187 or (337) 363-7570.

'02 Rd. bales Bahia, in barn, rye grass, 4' x 5' bale, del. avail., \$30/ea. Ralph Racca, Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-1539.

Argentine Bahia, horse quality, sq. bales in field, \$2.75/1; in barn, \$3.25/1; 4' x 4' rd. bales in field, \$16/1; in barn, \$18/1. Richard Reed, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-2330.

'01 Rd. bales, 5½' Rye Grass &

Oats, fert., \$20/bale under barn. Pat Prather, 23250 Zeb Chaney Rd., Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-5952.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Timberjack 460 Skidder, new eng., \$25,000; Hydro Ax 411 w/saw head, \$15,000; Prentice 310D, on trailer, \$20,000. Ray Gremillion, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-0616.

6 Ft. Sickle mower, 3 pt. hitch, PTO driven, \$200. Bunny Blanchard, Cottonport, 71327; (318) 876-3650.

Belly mower for International Cub tractor, good cond., \$400. W. Brashier, Ethel, 70730; (225) 683-8615.

JD 4400 combine, good diesel eng. & a/c, 216 flex header, harvested beans last season, \$2000. Tim Charrier, Acme, 71316; (318) 729-2341.

Land Pride 4' finishing mower, 3 point hitch, 2 yrs. old, excel. cond., \$1250. Patrick Coco, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-6902.

Excel. cond., JD 8 row cult, \$2000; 8 row lay-by rig, \$800; good cond., W&A 8 row hipper with markers, \$2500. Bobby Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

'44 Massey-Harris 101 Junior row crop trac., for restoration or salvage, \$500. Tommy Duke, Dubach, 71235; (318) 255-3158.

Ford 801, 4 cyl., diesel, rear hyd., new overhaul on eng., new inj. pump, starter, alternator, front tires, \$6000. Larry Duhon, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-2726.

Buffalo 7800 rd. bale mover, 41', quarter turn arm, tiling chain deck, floatation tires, 7 lg. or 8 small roll capacity, \$8000. Randall Dupree, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-4528.

MF-240 trac. with MF 232 loader, \$12,500; 5' Woods finish mower, like new, \$1200; 5' Howse disc, \$500. A. Douzart, Alexandria, 71303; (318) 449-1348.

'94 Kuhn GMD 700 hay cutter, 9' bar, good shape, \$2300; hay rake on caddy, \$1500; \$3500/both. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

'97 Rhino Int. 4 wheel drive, diesel, with front end loader, \$7000; 760 Bushhog backhoe, \$4000; tiller, \$300; \$10,500/all. Lane Fournier, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-5546.

Tag-a-long 7' SW842 Cutter mower, \$1700. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 633-9242.

Woods RD 8400 grooming mower, used less than 8 hrs., \$1950. Percy Henry, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 364-8237.

NH 273 sq. baler, new clutch, good cond., \$1700. Dan Karl, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-6347.

'85 Case IH 885 trac., 60 hp, good cond., \$9500. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182 or (337) 519-3420.

850 B Case dozer, new under-carriage, \$15,000; 2460 JD trac., \$8000. Richard Ledoux, Livingston, 70754; (225) 698-6528.

Farmall M, 36 hp, 12 volt, gasoline, excel. cond., with 4' drag-type bushhog, \$2200. Daniel Maxey, Calcasieu, 71433; (318) 659-3120.

Case Int. 5288, 165 hp, a/c, excel. cond., dual wheels, \$14,500. Linton McDaniel, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2499.

Ford 8N, runs & pulls good, smokes some, \$1500. L. Miller, Scott, 70583; (337) 234-3464.

JD 1010 one row trac., \$3000; NH sq. hay baler, \$2500. Carol Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6482.

JD 2950, 4 wheel drive, c/a, new tires, HD frontend loader with bucket & pallet fork, excel. cond., \$22,500. J. Peloquin, Lake Charles, 70607; (337) 478-3125.

10½' Bushhog brand cutter, without cyl., needs work, repairable, \$400. Don Peroyea, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-4278.

'97 JD 310D backhoe, 1400 hrs., 2 buckets, excel. cond., \$24,000. Charles Ponthier, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-8490.

NH 853 rd. baler, completely rebuilt, elec. tying system, air bags & bale kick out device, \$4500. Ryan Primeaux, Erath, 70533; (337) 937-9983.

JD Kilifer dirt scoop on wheels, \$900; 6 row Lilliston dbl. gang rolling cult., \$800; 2 Quick hitches, \$250/ea. Steve Rabalais, Cottonport, 71327; (318) 876-3304.

M8200 Kabota, new, 73 hp, 88 hrs., \$19,000. George Remmetter, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-2763.

JF CR 320 hay fluffer & row builder, excel. cond., \$1700. Leo Rose, Pearl River, 70452; (504) 271-4911.

JD 4640 quad, c/a, wts., duals, quick hitch, \$14,000; AC 2550 KT 15' disc, \$2750; JD Cat 11 U ditcher, \$500. G. Schexnayder, Donaldsonville, 70346; (225) 717-0329.

Fert. applicator, hopper for rain flow 2600 plastic laying machine, \$750. Anthony Yakaboski, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-0245.

Rigid 7½' Graham plow cult., \$325; hay spear, \$30. Don Deese, Jonesboro, 71251; (318) 259-2787.

Ford 2110 trac., 1900 low hrs., good running, 33 hp, without cutter \$3900; with cutter, \$5500. Jerry Ledet, Galliano, 70354; (985) 475-7850.

JD 4320, has new gauges, lights, batteries, spare front rim & tire, ROPS, 3 pt. scissor, hyd. hay fork, \$8500. Eric Mingledorff, Monroe, 71203; (318) 343-8613.

256 NH hay rake, side delivery, \$1050. Royce Salley, Belmont, 71406; (318) 796-2503.

Case-International 60RS 5' Finish mower, excel. cond., \$850. Oscar Evans, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 647-8813.

Red Dragon 400 seed & fert. spreader for cat. 1, 3 pt. hitch, PTO driven, \$300. Milo Jimenez, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 948-9496, (337) 501-5181 or (337) 501-0354.

Tractor bumper & radiator guard with lights, all hvy. steel, for Ford 2600 only, \$150. Clarence Abadie, Tickfaw, 70466; (985) 419-8893.

Ford 3600 diesel, \$5500; (2) 13.5x38 turf tires on JD rims, \$300/both. Jerry Becnel, Paulina, 70763; (225) 869-5445.

5' PZ cutter, field ready, good cond., \$900. Olen Crochet, Iota, 70543; (337) 824-0813.

JD 7720 combine, 81’ header, shed kept, \$10,000; (2) rice carts, \$300/ea. I. Dommert, Sulphur, 70665; (337) 583-7473.

IH 46 sq. baler, good cond., \$600. Greg Lowe, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 344-1077 work, (225) 383-6261 home.

JD 4630, c/a, duals, power shift, shedded, \$9000; bushhog frontend loader, fits 140 hp & larger, \$5500. Daniel Lyons, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-6751.

NH 846 rd. baler, always shedded, excel. cond., \$3500; 15’ Flexwing bushhog, good deck & hyd., \$2500. Tim Martinez, Labadieville, 70372; (985) 526-4427.

2590 Case, 180 hp, c/a, factory front blade, dual wheels, sound trans., field ready, great shape, \$8750. Benton Scott, Iota, 70543; (337) 779-3073.

NH Disc hay cutter, good cond., \$1500 or trade. Garland Storey, Simsboro, 71275; (318) 263-8197.

JD 2840, 80 hp, new front 540 tires, 100 PTO shafts, \$8900. Gary Williams, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-7070.

IH 404 trac., 38 PTO hp, \$3000; Massey-Ferguson grinder-mixer, \$800. Carla Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6482.

Ford 7810S, 835 hrs., & Woods 255 loader with bucket & forks, \$21,500; 2600 Ford with grader box, \$6750. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-2116.

(2) ’89 D378P, wide tracks, new undercarriages with 6 way blades, \$23,500. Carl Richardson, Holden, 70744; (225) 294-2940.

NH 617 hay cutter, \$5000; JD 385 rd. hay baler, \$10,000; JD 702, 10 wheel hay rake, \$2500, all excel. shape. D. O’Quin, St. Landry, 71367; (318) 838-7747.

Hardee Tiger hyd. side/vertical bushhog, requires 1000 rpm PTO, \$1500. Stephen Seal, Bogalusa, 70427; (985) 732-5395.

Case International 60RS 5’ finish mower, excel. cond., \$850. Oscar Evans, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 647-8813.

JD 4430 tractor, \$7500. David Schexnayder, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-4676.

Wanted: Power King Economy trac. for parts. Eugene Wing, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 528-9393.

Wanted: MF 1085 with or without cab for parts, need not be running. Richard McDaniel, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 748-8444.

Wanted: Small drag type disc to pull behind trac. John Wise, Atlanta, 71404; (318) 646-3677.

Wanted: 1-4 row 3 Pt. hitch planter for small seeds, except cabbage, turnips, collard. Anthony Yakaboski, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-0245.

TRAILERS,
WAGONS &
EQUIPMENT

Wagon, 20’ x 10’ steel bed, hvy. duty, good cond., \$1000. John Boudreaux, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-6743.

’01 Elite 3H, 14’ long wall, a/c, heat, microwave, mangers, walk

through doors, \$33,000. Todd Graham, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-6503.

Featherlite alum. bumper pull, 3 horse trailer, separate feeder compartment, saddle/tack room, \$7000. Don Matheson, Bell City, 70630; (337) 598-2149.

’00 Redco-Hann stock trailer, 16’ x 6’, 10 mos., new gates & 5 new tires, shedded, all metal, \$2700. Linton McDaniel, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2499.

16’ Bumper pull stock trailer, 2 axles, new floor, good cond., \$2000. Robert Prestenbach, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-6820.

Sulky, mint cond., used very little, \$150. Shane Seal, Sulphur, 70663; (337) 527-5426.

16’ Tandem axle cattle trailer, converts to haul trac. or hay, \$1000. Ernest Webb, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2685.

’99 Super Bee steel gray trailer, ramp load, walk thru front, place for saddles, like new cond., kept inside, no rust, \$4500. Lynne Mullens, Livingston, 70754; (225) 698-9250.

WW 2 horse trailer, \$2000. Scotty Aulds, Farmerville, 71241; (318) 368-2949.

Self contained hyd. dump trailer bumper pull, 6’ x 10’ x 2’ sides, (2) 5200 lb. axles with brakes, \$3800. Webb Harelson, Sunshine, 70780; (225) 642-8238.

Utility trailer, 6’ x 10’ enclosed, 2 yrs. old, used once, \$1600. T. Loup, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-4545.

’02 16’ stock trailer, like new, sliding rear gate, soft ride axles, interior lights, undercoated, bumper pull, \$4300. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

42’, 4 Bolster log trailer, new paint, 90% tires, \$4500; R Mod. Mack, 50,000 miles, \$11,000; Cont. Stor. trailers, \$1800/ea. R. Gremillion, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-0616.

35 Cotton trailers, 8’-10’ wide, 24’-40’ long, good to excel. cond., for hay or storing crawfish traps, deliv. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

Ponderosa 2000, horse/cattle trailer, sliding/swing rear gate, mid. gate & escape door, gooseneck, new cond., \$2800. Ron Fuqua, Effie, 71331; (318) 253-4682.

’00 Calico 4 horse/cattle gooseneck trailer, 8’ nose storage escape & slide rear doors, center gate sprayed bed liner, \$3500. J. Tolbert, DeQuincy, 70633; (337) 786-2727.

Twin tandem axle hay trailer, 10’ x 40’ hauls 14 big bales, \$1000; 8’ x 20’ hay trailer, \$400. E. Mingledorff, Monroe, 71203; (318) 343-8613.

Shop built, 8’ x 16’ trailer, good cond., \$1000. Aubrey Stokes, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-3020.

Flatbed headboards, \$300/1; tarps, 8’ drop, \$300/set; 25’ chains, \$12/1; binders, \$12/1; 4” straps, \$8/1; coil racks, \$3/1. W. McKnight, Tallulah, 71282; (800) 500-3887.

FARM TRUCKS &
RELATED PARTS

’93 Nissan pickup, gas eng., 4 cyl., 2 wheel drive, works great, 199,000 miles, \$1400. Rudy Rup-

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narain, Mandeville, 70448; (985) 626-8437.

’90 Chevrolet ¾ ton pickup, \$4500. S. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4584.

’83 Ford Ranger XL diesel LWB pickup, 4 new tires, runs good, 25-30 mpg, no reverse, \$1600. T. Duke, Dubach, 71235; (318) 255-3158.

’74 Ford F-600 with hyd. dump bed, 33,000 miles, \$3950. Randy Ferguson, Woodworth, 71483; (318) 448-9700.

’67 Dodge 1½ ton, 16’ flatbed with lift gate, 318 engine, \$1500. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 633-9242.

’90 Chevy ¾ ton pickup, very good cond., \$4000. Mitch Attales, Pine Prairie, 70576; (337) 599-2307.

(16) 11R22.5 truck tires, Good-year caps & some new, \$75/1. Hardy McNeal, Effie, 71331; (318) 253-9882.

’69 GMC 5500 with good metal grain bed, excel. tires, \$2250. Steve Rabalais, Cottonport, 71327; (318) 876-3304.

Good manual 5 speed overdrive trans., fits Ford 7.3 diesel, \$400. J. Wyant, Columbia, 71418; (318) 649-6092.

Kentworth, new motor, air ride, 60” sleeper, plus 48’ punch side dbl. deck cow trailer, both road ready, \$23,500. Carroll Doyle, Pitkin, 70656; (318) 634-7145.

’66 Ford tandem truck with 500 bushel steelbed, \$900. Dalton Broussard, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-3729.

Wanted: Nissan pickup, ’86 -’92 or ’81 Toyota diesel pickup, any cond. Hardy McNeal, Effie, 71331; (318) 253-9882.

LIVESTOCK &
FARM SUPPLIES

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Solar or battery operated fence charger, insulators & wire, \$40; set of horn shears, \$15. Shane Bellue, Jackson, 70748; (225) 629-5545.

Generators, elec. start, all good cond. & on wheels, Onan 3000 kw, \$200; 3500 kw, \$200; 10,000 kw, \$600. Mickey Bodin, Erath, 70533; (337) 937-8240.

Channel iron, 3”, \$1/ft.; 4”, \$1.20/ft.; 6”, \$1.78/ft.; angle iron, 1” x 1” x 1/8”, 25¢/ft.; 2” x 2” x ¼”, 75¢/ft. Rocky Carney, Robeline, 71469; (318) 354-1100.

Small dragline, 271 Detroit power, \$1200; 671 Detroit power, instrument panel, fuel tank & trans., \$3500 or trade. Cecil Charrier, Pineville, 71360; (318) 641-9666.

Tubing, 2-3/8”, 75¢/ft.; 2-7/8”, 85¢/ft.; 3-1/2”, 95¢/ft.; casing, 7”, \$5/ft.; 8-5/8”, \$6/ft. Trey Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

(2) Milking machines, bucket type with portable vacuum pump, \$350. Elaine Ducote, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-8247.

3’ x 7’ New Drag harrow on 3 pt. hitch, 2-7/8” pipe with teeth on bottom, \$250; 5’ x 10’ port. cattle panels, new, \$45/1. L. Duhon, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-2726.

55 Gal. drums, metal, \$15/ea.; plastic, \$15/ea.; plastic with lids, \$25/ea. Roy Jeanfreau, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-2165.

Water pump, 5.5 hp Honda with 300’ of quick coupler hose, \$300. Ron Harvey, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 261-9540.

Pipe, all schedule 40, 4½”, \$1/ft.; 3½”, 90¢/ft.; 12”, \$6/ft.; 1”, 30¢/ft. Adrian Landry, Pierre Part, 70339; (985) 252-9618.

(2) 250 volt, 400 amp, sq. D disconnects with service entrance, \$200/ea. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182 or (337) 519-3420.

Aromatic red cedar, 1” x 6”, 1” x 8”, 1” x 10” & 1” x 12”, \$3/board ft.; \$2.50/board ft. if 1000 bought. Leroy Foret, Plaucheville, 71362; (318) 922-3861.

Scales, hog, sheep or goats, up to 400 lbs., \$200. Royce Salley, Belmont, 71406; (381) 796-2503.

W-W squeeze chute, 6 yrs. old, right handed, excel. cond., \$1100. C. Smith, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-4412.

New leather harness, split reins, 8’ x ¾”, \$25/pr.; new Martingale leather harness, \$20; used quick stop, \$20. S. Duhon, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-2726.

Clark 10,000 lb. Fork lift diesel eng., \$4500. Robert Gravois, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 633-9242.

55 Gal. plastic drums with bung tops, \$5/ea. Webb Harelson, Sunshine, 70780; (225) 642-8238.

Anvil & hand turned blower, \$350. Donald Miller, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-5576.

Taylor-Wharton 34HC Artificial Insemination tank, \$500 or trade for farm equipment. Pat Prather, Baton Rouge, 70816; (225) 235-5633.



Mansura Middle School FFA members Caleb Sons (left to right), Bryan Mitchell and Brady Warnesdorfer pose for a picture with Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom at the 4th Annual FFA Luncheon in Baton Rouge. FFA members met with legislators and other elected officials to voice their concerns about the current state of agriculture in Louisiana.

Cotton planting

above 95 degrees and the rain shuts off, you may need to start looking out for aflatoxin.”

Aflatoxin was a disaster for the state’s corn crop in 1998, Moore said.

Other issues discussed during the field day included topics ranging from irrigation to weed and insect management.

In other comments, officials from the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry provided updates on the Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Program.

Mark Bordelon, the program’s assistant director for the Depart-

Large homemade cattle squeeze chute, needs some work, \$250. M. Brouillette, Kentwood, 70444; (225) 222-4745.

800’ of 5” heavy wall casing, delivery avail., \$3.50/ft. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

927 Gal. tank, for kerosene or diesel fuel, 5’ diam., mounted on raised frame, \$450. Phillip Fournet, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 673-4295.

7’ Balanced 100 lb. sickle bar for IH, barn kept, plus 7’ serrated blade for clover cutting, excel. cond., \$3500. Sarah Goudeau, Melville, 71353; (337) 623-4710.

Heartwood Comm. bandsaw, 2 way cut, 6” dbl. edged blade, 80 hp, Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., \$32,000. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale, 71463; (337) 639-2953.

500 Gal. fuel tank, excellent cond., \$250. Rodney McKinney, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-5197.

Squeeze chute, almost new, \$1000; (2) 1/4” steel water troughs on skids, \$150. Eric Mingledorff, Monroe, 71203; (318) 343-8613.

Panels, galv 10’, \$40-\$50/1; rd. pens, 40’, \$545-\$675; 60’ \$750-\$970; hvy. duty cattle panels, 1-7/8” x 16 gauge, \$65. Mike Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

4 Buildings, 40’ x 500’ with steel trusses & metal roof, \$8/ft. Doyle Price, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-3658.

Wanted: Pea sheller. J. McInnis, Port Arthur, TX 77640; (409) 727-0044.

Wanted: Small plastic drums & lids used for show feed by 4-H. R. Jolly, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3860

Unusual weather patterns wreak havoc on Louisiana crops

J.D. Lipsey has been farming for about 55 years, but he says he'll be lucky this year if he and his son Dan get half of the 500 acres of corn they planted.

The Lipseys aren't alone. Farmers across the state are watching as weather patterns - which include an unusual cool snap this spring and drought conditions across much of the state - wreak havoc on their crops.

Worse yet, state climatologist Jay Grymes says there isn't much relief in sight. And LSU AgCenter county agents and specialists across Louisiana are starting to say it could be a disastrous year for farmers.

"We're in bad shape," J.D. Lipsey said. "I don't think I've seen it this bad the many years I've been farming."

The Lipseys are tenant farmers who plant crops on the Angelina Plantation in Concordia Parish. With the drought that's been torturing Louisiana for about the past month-and-a-half, they don't know how much, if any, of their crop they'll bring in.

Like many other corn producers across the state, the Lipseys have had to plow under part of their crop, because the lack of rain has stunted the plants' growth. Now they hope they can plant something else to profit from.

"We may try to plant soybeans if it rains," Dan Lipsey said. "We haven't had enough rain since we planted our corn in April. And we can't plant anything now because the ground is too dry. It's a big concern for us right now."

The dry weather doesn't appear to be letting up anytime soon, according to Grymes, who said the past eight weeks have been marked by near-record-low to record-low rainfall for this time of year in many sections of the state. The statewide average for rainfall stands at 19-inches - more than 25 percent below the norm, he said.

"As of the end of May, roughly two-thirds of the state can be defined as in some stage of drought," Grymes said. "The remaining areas are on the verge of a drought status. The most critical areas - as defined by rainfall shortages - are located in southeastern and south central Louisiana."

Grymes said most of the parishes need normal rainfall plus an additional 3 inches to 6 inches of rain to end the drought situation. Weekly rainfall at this time of year averages about 1 inch to 1.5 inches, he said. "While a return of more typical summertime rainfall is anticipated, there is little hope for a run of wetter-than-normal weather in the near future," Grymes said. "Given the outlook for normal-to-warm weather through June, the outlook offers little opportunity for rapid improvement in the current drought situation. Indeed, conditions may continue to deteriorate for parts of Louisiana - especially areas of South Louisiana - in the

coming weeks."

LSU AgCenter cotton specialist Dr. Sandy Stewart, who earlier said unusually cool weather had contributed to a slow start for cotton, said Central Louisiana farmers now could use some rain, too.

"Our water situation ranges from very dry to almost adequate," Stewart said. "We need a general rain across the area. Afternoon showers are maintaining some of our moisture, but we're still in a drought situation that's affecting our crops."

In neighboring Catahoula Parish, LSU AgCenter county agent David Neal said producers there also have had to disk up corn fields.

"It's starting out to be a real bad year," Neal said. "We've had between 15,000 and 16,000 acres of corn plowed up already."

Some of the Catahoula Parish farmers probably will plant rice on some of the empty ground while others will plant milo, Neal said.

Mike Rome, LSU AgCenter county agent for Madison Parish, said farmers in that area also are suffering.

"In Madison Parish, we have a large corn acreage," Rome said. "This is probably the most erratic crop we've had in years. Rains have been spotty, even though we've had more rain than the parishes south of us. We have some good-looking corn, and, in the same fields, we have some bad-looking corn. It seems to be slow in taking up fertilizer and has not had a good color."

Glen Daniels, LSU AgCenter county agent in Concordia Parish, said the dry weather could have a disastrous effect on everyone.

"Corn is one of the biggest crops in the state," Daniels said. "If the farmers don't get a crop, they won't have money to spend, which means they can't pay their bills, support local businesses and so on. This could be an economic disaster."

Just down the road from the Lipseys' crop, Kent Moreland and his son Steve have about 640 acres of cotton that are suffering from the drought. They've had some showers on their crop but not enough to really matter.

"If we continue to get showers, we may get an average crop," Kent Moreland said. "But it won't be a bumper crop. The drought has done its damage."

Rain has been spotty in South Louisiana also. Keith Normand, LSU AgCenter county agent for St. Landry Parish, said the northern part of the parish has received some beneficial rains during the past two weeks, but the central and southern parts of the parish are still too dry in most areas.

"The older corn crop has suffered the most because it ran out of moisture earlier and stayed without moisture longer," Normand said. "The older crop began tasseling and silking during the

drought and, in some fields, has finished silking under drought stress. Therefore, the older crop will suffer the most yield loss. The younger corn crop that has not yet begun silking still has time to make a fairly good yield provided the required soil moisture is present when tasseling and silking begin."

But Normand said he is not aware of any fields being plowed up in his area. If the corn crop keeps following this path, farmers stand to lose a lot of money.

Figures from Dr. Kurt M. Guidry of the LSU AgCenter's Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness show the average production costs per acre for corn in Louisiana are \$229.21 for tenant farmers and \$237.22 for the own-

Louisiana cattlemen tour Oklahoma feedlot

Cattle, cowboys, high winds and open spaces—it all adds up to the high plains of the Oklahoma panhandle, right in the middle of the cattle feeding belt that stretches from west Texas to Nebraska.

Practically all of Louisiana's calf crop ends up there every year, and a group of Louisiana cattlemen took a recent bus tour of the area to get a first hand look at some Louisiana calves that were trucked there last fall for feeding and finishing.

The calves were part of the Calf-to-Carcass program organized by the LSU AgCenter and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Cattlemen can consign calves into the program and they will get all of the feedlot performance and carcass data back on those calves when they are harvested.

If the calves do well, then farmers know their breeding programs are on the right track. If they don't do so well, it's an indication that some changes need to be made, such as changing breeds or using higher performance bulls.

Tips for your July gardening projects

You can put your potted plants outdoors in the shade during July, but you may need to water them every day or two. Plants in full sun will need daily watering. Also, because July is part of the main growing season for potted plants, you should fertilize them every week or two with a dilute water soluble fertilizer following manufacturer's directions.

If you planted trees or shrubs last year, this summer is a critical time for those plants. Be sure to give them a thorough soaking every week, if rainfall is much less than one inch.

During July you can dig and divide your irises when they've finished blooming and their foliage begins to die. If you plan to add to your iris collection, you should consider the Japanese or Siberian irises to extend the blooming period and to add some variety to

ers.

The overall average production cost is \$234.01, according to Guidry, who explains these figures are based on a rental arrangement of 20 percent crop share for land.

According to the DTN AgData, September 2002 Corn Futures Contracts closed at \$2.16 per bushel on June 6. And cash price offers made by elevators in the state ranged from \$1.91 to \$2.10 per bushel on June 5.

Guidry said these prices are for what is referred to as "old crop corn" - corn produced in 2001 that has not yet been sold.

At any rate, corn is an important commodity in Louisiana. The LSU AgCenter's Louisiana Summary of Agriculture and Natural

Mike Kovak of Oak Grove had 80 head consigned this year, and he was pleased with how they were doing at the Henry C. Hitch feedlot in Guymon, Oklahoma.

"The cattle look like they are performing well," he said. "Some look better than others, but that's what



CATTLE CALL: Most of the nation's cattle, including the ones from Louisiana wind up in one of the major feedlots in Oklahoma, like the Hitch feedlot pictured here.

we sent them up here for. We want to know what direction we need to go."

Kovak has participated in the program for almost a decade, and believes it has helped to improve his herd.

Rod Schemm manages the Hitch feedlot and has been working with

Resources shows corn was produced on 301,699 acres with an average yield of 150.6 bushels per acre - a state record - in 2001.

That resulted in total production of 45.4 million bushels of corn with an estimated value of \$95.7 million to growers.

Corn acreage in Louisiana has fluctuated from 300,000 to 700,000 acres in the past 10 years because of prices of feed grains in relation to alternative crops and weather problems that led to aflatoxin problems at harvest. But 2001 was an outstanding season for corn, because conditions allowed for timely planting, there were few soil moisture problems and relatively few insect and disease outbreaks occurred.

the Louisiana program, and believes it will help put Louisiana cattlemen ahead of the curve in a changing industry.

"As cattlemen participating, they need to know what they are producing so that as the markets change they can position themselves and make changes before some dramatic things happen in the market," he said. "As long as they know what they produce, they will be prepared for whatever market comes along," he added.

Tommy Benoit of Crowley had five calves enrolled this year and felt like the trip gave him a better understanding of what happens to his cattle after they leave his farm.

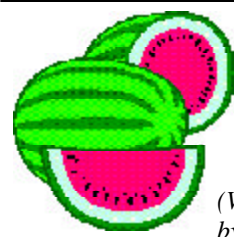
"It gave me a basic understanding of what the feedlots are looking for when they come to look at our cattle," he said.

Other stops on the bus tour included the Oklahoma National Stockyards in Oklahoma City, Gardner Angus Ranch in Ashland, Kansas and the Future Beef packing plant in Arkansas City, Kansas.



gardener, you have many options this month. In early July you can plant okra, tomato seeds or plants, Southern peas, squash, cucumbers, cantaloupes and collards. In late July you can start seeds of broccoli, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage and Chinese cabbage. This is a good time to transplant your fall bell peppers, too.

For more information, call your parish office of the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.



Lagniappe

(Watermelon is an all-American favorite for meals and snacks. In fact, the American Heart Association recently recognized watermelon’s nutritional properties by giving it the “heart healthy” seal of approval. Now research has shed new light on its potential health benefits. Watermelon is practically a multi-vitamin unto itself. With a 2-cup serving of watermelon containing excellent levels of vitamins A, B6 and C, this product contains a number of nutrients that are vital to good health. Watermelon is fat free, nutritionally low in calories and considered an ideal diet food, and is high in energy, making it a great energy boost!)

Fire & Ice Salsa

- *3 cups seeded & chopped Louisiana watermelon, drained
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- *2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- *2 tablespoons finely chopped jalapeno pepper
- *½ cup chopped green peppers
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt

Combine and mix all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate a few hours. Serve with sour cream and corn or tortilla chips.

Sherried Watermelon

- *4 cups Louisiana watermelon balls
- ¼ cups sugar
- ½ cup dry sherry

Combine all ingredients; cover and chill several hours. To serve, spoon into individual compotes or drain and thread watermelon onto wooden skewers. Serves 4.

Watermelon Ham Wraps

- 1 tablespoon chive and onion spreadable cream cheese
- 1 large, burrito-size low-fat tortilla
- 1 ounce thinly sliced low-fat ham
- 1 lettuce leaf
- 1 seedless watermelon spear, about ½ inch thick, 1 inch wide and 9 inches long

Spread cream cheese on tortilla covering to edges. Place ham across center of tortilla; top with leaf lettuce making sure edges to be rolled are not covered. Place watermelon spear on lettuce just off center. Roll tortilla over watermelon spear; continue rolling, tucking in ham and lettuce. Cream cheese will help tortilla stay rolled.

More variations for the Watermelon wrap: Strawberry cream cheese with turkey, Bibb lettuce and watermelon; Garden vegetable cream cheese with chicken,

spinach and watermelon; Ranch cream cheese with roast beef, red lettuce and watermelon.

Quick & Easy Watermelon Pie

- *1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 4 ounce container refrigerated non-dairy topping, thawed
- ¼ cup lime juice
- *2 cups Louisiana watermelon balls
- 1 graham cracker crust, 9 inches.

Fold together milk and topping. Add lime juice. Fold in watermelon balls, reserving about 5 balls for garnish. Pour into graham cracker crust. Place remaining watermelon balls on pie to garnish. Chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

Watermelon Flat Bread Dough

- 1 cup warm watermelon juice (105° - 115° F)
- 4 teaspoons dry yeast
- ¼ cup olive oil

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1½ cups all purpose flour
- Veggie Topping**
- *1/3 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
- *1/3 cup thinly sliced green bell pepper
- ¼ cup sliced mushrooms
- *2/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- *¼ cup watermelon juice
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1½ teaspoons ground cumin
- *¼ teaspoon dried crushed red pepper

Pour 1 cup warm watermelon juice into large bowl; sprinkle yeast over contents. Let stand until mixture is foamy, about 10 minutes. Mix in ¼ cup oil and salt. Combine both flours in a medium bowl. Stir enough flour mixture into yeast

mixture; once mixed, take out and knead on floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. Spray large bowl with non-stick spray; add enough and turn to coat. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let it rise and shine for about 1 hour. Combine all veggie ingredients in a bowl and mix. Punch dough down. Divide into 4 equal pieces. Wrap again; let rise for about 10 minutes. Preheat oven to 425° F. Roll out each dough piece on floured surface to about 7-inch squares or what ever shape you end up with (that's what makes you an artist). Spray 2 large baking sheets with nonstick spray. Transfer breads to sheets. Top each with ¼ of topping. Bake breads until cooked throughout and brown on the bottom, for about 12-15 minutes.

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June 29-30

A Team Penning Clinic with TeJoe Smith will be held at the Acadia Parish Multi Purpose Facility located on 159 Cherokee Drive in Crowley, LA from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The clinic will include sorting & penning, limited to 30 entries. For more information contact TeJoe Smith at (337) 228-2669 or (337) 280-4450.

June 30

STPHA will hold an Open Horse Show on Saturday, June 30th at the Covington Fairgrounds located at 1304 N. Columbia St. Judged events begin at 9:00 a.m., timed events are not to begin before 2:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mary Puratore at (985) 892-8745.

July 6

The Mid South Pro Bull Riding Tour 2002 will hold its Annual Rodeo on Saturday, July 6th at 8:00 p.m. at the Lopin Double D arena, located at 75912 Hwy. 1053 in Kentwood, LA. Events will include Senior and Junior Bull Riding, Barrel Racing and Sheep Riding. For more information, contact Brent DeLoach at (225) 752-2453.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Independence Day Festival
July 3-4, Bogalusa, LA

Let Freedom Ring Festival
July 4, Thibodaux, LA

Greater Mandeville Seafood Festival
July 4-7, Mandeville, LA

LA Antique Tractor & Equipment Festival
July 12-13, Simsboro, LA

LA Catfish Festival
July 12-14, Des Allemands, LA